

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group 1, claims 1-8 and 11-20, drawn to a seamless steel tube; and

Group 2, claims 9-10, drawn to a process of making a seamless steel tube.

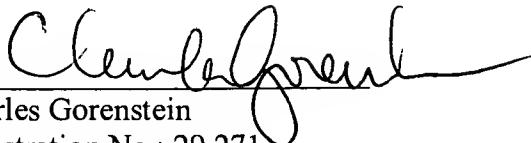
For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-8 and 11-20. It is respectfully submitted that it would be efficient, and not burdensome, for the Examiner to consider the merits of all claims at this time.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No. 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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